

# STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

## Consultation on priority vehicular and pedestrian thoroughfares and transport routes of strategic importance

### WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED

Hamilton City Council (the Council) is seeking feedback on the proposed thoroughfares with sufficient vehicle and pedestrian traffic and buildings on a transport road of strategic importance.

Your input is required to identify:

1. which thoroughfares have sufficient vehicular or pedestrian traffic to warrant prioritisation, if part of a building were to fall onto them in an earthquake
2. which transport routes of strategic importance would be impeded if buildings collapsed onto them in an earthquake.

Your views on the acceptable level of risk, our buildings, and their uses will inform The Council's decision on which thoroughfares and routes to prioritise.

This consultation is in accordance with section 133AF(2)(a) and 133AF(2)(b) of the Building Act 2004, which require The Council to use the special consultative procedure in section 83 of

the Local Government Act 2002 to identify these priority buildings.

### BACKGROUND

The Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016 came into force on 1 July 2017. It changes the current system for identifying and remediating earthquake-prone buildings.

The new system ensures the way our buildings are managed in the event of earthquakes is consistent across the country, and provides more information for people using buildings, such as notices on earthquake-prone buildings and a public register. Owners of earthquake-prone buildings will be required to take action within certain time frames depending on the seismic risk area their building is located in. Affected owners will be contacted by The Council.

Hamilton City has been categorised as a medium seismic risk area. This means that The Council must identify potentially earthquake-prone buildings within 10 years, and building owners must strengthen or demolish earthquake-prone buildings within 25 years. More information about the new system can be found at: <https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/>

Priority buildings pose a high risk to life safety, or are critical to recovery in an emergency. The new system prioritises identification and remediation of earthquake-prone buildings that either pose a high risk to life safety, or are critical to recovery in an emergency. These buildings are called 'priority buildings'. Priority buildings must be identified and remediated in half the time allowed for other earthquake-prone buildings, to reduce the risks to life safety more promptly. This means that The Council must identify potentially earthquake-prone priority buildings in this district within 5 years, and building owners must strengthen or demolish earthquake-prone priority buildings within 12.5 years.

## PROPOSAL

### Vehicular and pedestrian thoroughfares with sufficient traffic to warrant prioritisation

The Council has applied the following criteria to identify roads, footpaths or other thoroughfares to be prioritised:

#### 1. High pedestrian areas (people not in vehicles)

Description of use	Description of area	Example of application to city or metropolitan area
Areas relating to social or utility activities	Areas where shops or other services are located	City and suburban areas with shops, cafes, restaurants, bars, theatres and malls
Areas relating to work	Areas where concentrations of people work and move around	Areas around office buildings or other places of work where there is a concentration of workers
Areas relating to transport	Areas where concentrations of people access transport	Areas around transport hubs, train stations, bus stops, car parks
Key walking routes	Key walking routes that link areas where people are concentrated	Routes from transport hubs or other areas relating to transport to areas where shops, other services or areas people work are located

and

#### 2. Areas with high vehicular traffic (people in motor vehicles/on bikes)

Description of use	Description of area	Example of application to city or metropolitan area
Key traffic routes	Key traffic routes regularly used by vehicles including public transport	Central business district streets, well trafficked suburban streets, arterial routes, heavy use bus routes
Areas with concentrations of vehicles	Areas where high concentrations of vehicles build up	Busy intersections, areas where traffic builds up at peak hours

and

#### 3. Potential for part of an unreinforced masonry building to fall onto the identified thoroughfare<sup>1</sup>.

The Council seeks your views on whether the following roads, footpaths and other thoroughfares have sufficient traffic to warrant prioritisation. It also seeks your views on whether there are any other thoroughfares that should be included.

Based on there being sufficient traffic and the potential for part of an unreinforced masonry building to fall, The Council proposes the following thoroughfares be prioritised:

1. That section of Victoria Street between Liverpool Street and Anzac Parade.

<sup>1</sup> An unreinforced masonry (URM) building has masonry walls that do not contain steel, timber or fibre reinforcement. URM buildings are older buildings that often have parapets, as well as verandas, balconies, decorative ornaments, chimneys and signs attached to their facades (front walls that face onto a street or open space).

2. That section of Anglesea Street between Rostrevor Street and Anzac Parade.
3. That section of Rostrevor Street between Victoria Street and Anglesea Street.
4. The entire length of London Street.
5. That section of Harwood Street between London Street and Rostrevor Street.
6. The entire length of Barton Street.
7. That section of Bryce Street between the Waikato River and Anglesea Street.
8. That section of Ward Street between Victoria Street and Worley Place.
9. That section of Ward Street between Anglesea Street and Tristram Street.
10. The entire length of Alma Street.
11. The entire length of Garden Place.
12. The entire length of Worley Place.
13. The entire length of Ward Lane.
14. The entire length of Caro Street.
15. That section of Collingwood Street between Victoria Street and Anglesea Street.
16. The entire length of Sapper Moore-Jones Place.
17. The entire length of Hood Street.
18. The entire length of Knox Street.
19. That section of Anzac Parade between Victoria Street and Anglesea Street.
20. That section of Hall Street between High Street and Lake Road.
21. That section of Kent Street between Hall Street and High Street.
22. That section of High Street between Hall Street and Commerce Street.
23. That section of Lake Road between Hall Street and Commerce Street.
24. The entire length of Commerce Street.
25. That section of Kent Street between Commerce Street and King Street.
26. That section of Grey Street between Clyde Street and Cook Street.

### **Buildings on a transport route of strategic importance**

Access to emergency services in emergencies is essential for a number of reasons, including saving lives. Buildings impeding a strategic transport route in an earthquake could inhibit an emergency response to the detriment of the community, ie loss of life, if access to emergency care is not possible.

The Council has applied the following criteria to identify buildings on transport routes of strategic importance in an emergency for prioritisation:

#### **1. Emergency routes**

- a. routes likely to be used by emergency services in:
  - i. transiting from their bases to areas of need in a major emergency, or
  - ii. transiting to central services such as hospitals, where there are no alternative routes available.

#### **with**

2. at least one building located on them that, if it collapsed, would **impede the route**.

The Council seeks your views on whether the following emergency routes should be prioritised. It also seeks your views on whether there are any other routes that should be included.

Based on there being a likelihood of use by emergency services in an emergency and the potential for at least one building to impede the route if it collapsed, The Council proposes the following routes be prioritised:

1. That section of Victoria Street between Mill Street and Anzac Parade.
2. That section of Anglesea Street between Mill Street and Anzac Parade.
3. That section of Tristram Street between Mill Street and Anzac Parade.
4. The entire length of Commerce Street.
5. That section of Grey Street between Te Aroha Street and Cobham Drive.

### **OPTIONS**

#### **Option A: Approve the proposal**

Under this option, the Council will approve the proposed thoroughfares with vehicle and pedestrian traffic and buildings on a transport road of strategic importance.

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## **Option B: Approve a revision of the proposal**

Under this option, the Council may amend the proposed thoroughfares with vehicle and pedestrian traffic and buildings on a transport road of strategic importance.

### **TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS**

Before making any final decisions, we'd like to have your input.

You can give us feedback from **5 March 2018 to 6 April 2018**.

#### **How to give feedback**

There are a number of ways you can give your feedback:

- Fill out a feedback form online at [hamilton.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://hamilton.govt.nz/haveyoursay)
- Fill out the feedback form included in this Statement of Proposal and send to the Hamilton City Council, Strategy Unit, Private Bag 3010, Hamilton 3240.
- Fill out the feedback form and deliver it to the Municipal Building Reception Lounge or one of Council's libraries.

Feedback forms and the proposed policy are on our website and available from Council libraries and the ground floor reception of Council's Municipal Building in Garden Place.

For any queries please ring 07 838 6699.

# FEEDBACK FORM

**PROPOSED Vehicular and pedestrian thoroughfares with sufficient traffic to warrant prioritisation and transport routes of strategic importance.**

**We want your feedback on proposals for roads, footpaths and other thoroughfares that should be prioritised. We also want your views on whether there are any other routes that should be included.**

## Tell us what you think.

- 1. Do you agree with the thoroughfares identified for prioritisation? (If not, please identify which thoroughfares you disagree with and why below).**

Yes

No

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- 2. Are there any other thoroughfares that meet the criteria but are not listed? (Please identify which thoroughfares you feel meet the criteria and why below).**

Yes

No

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**3. Do you agree with the routes identified for prioritisation? (If not, please identify which routes you disagree with and why below).**

Yes

No

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**4. Are there any other routes that meet the criteria but are not listed? (Please identify which routes you feel meet the criteria and why below).**

Yes

No

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**5. Are you responding as/or representing? (tick all that apply)**

A building owner

A building tenant

A resident

Other stakeholder interest: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Do you live in:**

Hamilton City

Waikato or Waipa District

Greater Waikato District

New Zealand

Overseas

**7. Can you tell us your age group?**

16-24

25-35

36-50

51-64

65+

**8. Please provide your contact details (\* required fields)**

\* Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation (where applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \*(day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission or feedback in May 2018?**

Yes

No

**\* Please give us your contact details (above) if you wish to be heard**

**Note:** Please be aware when providing personal information that all responses are part of the consultation process. As such it may be reproduced and included in Council's public documents such as Council agendas and minutes. These documents are available on Council's website at [hamilton.govt.nz](http://hamilton.govt.nz)

**Please get your feedback to us by the 6 April 2018.**

**You can:**

- Complete it online at [hamilton.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://hamilton.govt.nz/haveyoursay)
- Post the form to Freepost 172189, Strategy Unit, Hamilton City Council, Private Bag 3010, Hamilton 3240
- Drop it off to the Hamilton City Council Office in Garden Place, any Hamilton City Library.